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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
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MIDDLE EAST:
THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO REACTION AMONG THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO THE U.S. ANNOUNCEMENT TONIGHT OF A U.S.-SOVIET CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL. CAIRO, AMMAN, AND BEIRUT RADIOS HAVE CARRIED THE ANNOUNCEMENT WITHOUT COMMENT; TASS HAS ALSO REPEATED IT WITHOUT COMMENTARY. NEITHER BAGHDAD, NOR DAMASCUS RADIOS HAVE MENTIONED THE DECISION. TRIPOLI RADIO HAS URGED REJECTION OF THE PLAN AND CONTINUATION OF THE BATTLE.

ON THE EGYPTION FRONT, THE DAY CLOSED WITH BOTH SIDES HOLDING ESSENTIALLY THE SAME POSITIONS THEY DID IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, AS USUAL, BOTH CAIRO AND TEL AVIV CLAIM TO HAVE INFLICTED MAJOR LOSSES ON THE OTHER SIDE. ISRAELI CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL ELAZAR STATED LATE TODAY THAT "WE ARE ON THE WAY TOWARD THE DECISIVE TURNING POINT." CAIRO SPOKESMEN, HOWEVER, CLAIMED TO BE IN THE PROCESS OF ELIMINATING THE ISRAELI FORCE ON THE WEST BANK, AND SPOKE OF EXTENSIVE TANK BATTLES RAGING ON THE EAST BANK OF THE CANAL. ONE IMPORTANT FEATURE OF TODAY'S ACTION ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT WAS [redacted] THE ISRAELIS CLAIM 25X1
TO HAVE DESTROYED ALL SAM SITES NORTH OF AL-QANTARAH, AND [redacted] 25X1

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MOREOVER, EGYPTIAN PILOTS HAVE GENERALLY AVOIDED COMBAT WITH ISRAELI AIRCRAFT DURING THE DAY, THE IAF APPEARS TO BE GAINING INCREASING FREEDOM OF ACTION IN THE SKIES OVER THE SUEZ CANAL. ISRAELI SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO EGYPTIS NORTH COAST TONIGHT, EXPLOSIONS WERE REPORTED AT DAMIETTA, BALTIM, AND AT RASHID SOME 20 MILES EAST OF ALEXANDRIA, AND ISRAELI PATROL BOATS HAVE ATTACKED EGYPTIAN FISHING BOATS OFF PORT SAID. THESE CRAFT HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN USED TO PROVIDE WARNING OF ISRAELI SEA MOVEMENTS ALONG THE COAST. ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE ISRAELI FORCES ON THE WEST BANK OF THE CANAL IS APPARENTLY TO INTERDICT EGYPTIAN LINES OF COMMUNICATION. TO DATE, ISRAEL HAS MANAGED TO CUT THE CAIRO-SUEZ CITY AND THE CAIRO-ISMAILIA ROADS, THUS GREATLY REDUCING OR ELIMINATING THE FLOW OF SUPPLIES TO EGYPTIAN FORCES ON THE EAST BANK. MOREOVER, A MAJOR SUPPLY LINE AT AL-QANTARAH HAS COME UNDER

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PERIODIC ATTACK BY THE ISRAELIS. AS A RESULT, EGYPTIAN FORCES ON THE EAST BANK COULD START RUNNING SHORT OF CRITICAL ITEMS OF AMMUNITION--SPECIFICALLY TANK, ANTITANK, AND ARTILLERY SHELLS.

THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ANY SIGNIFICANT ACTION ON THE SYRIAN FRONT TODAY. THE SITUATION HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY STABLE FOR THE PAST WEEK, DESPITE CLAIMS FROM BOTH SIDES THAT THEIR FORCES WERE ATTACKING AND COUNTERATTACKING. THERE WAS SPORADIC TANK AND ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ALONG THE FRONT, AS WELL AS SOME DOGFIGHTS DURING WHICH THE SYRIANS CLAIM TO HAVE DOWNED 11 ISRAELI AIRCRAFT. AN ISRAELI SPOKESMAN HAS SAID THAT EIGHT SYRIAN MIGS WERE DESTROYED. ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS STATE THAT THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE DESTROYED A BRIDGE ON THE ROAD FROM LATAKIA TO DAMASCUS. THE STRIDE COULD BE PART OF AN ISRAELI EFFORT TO INTERDICT THE MOVEMENT OF SOVIET-SUPPLIED ARMS FROM THE DELIVERY POINTS TO THE FRONT.

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BELGIAN COMMENT ON RESULTS OF U.S.-EC CONSULTATIONS: BELGIAN POL-ITICAL DIRECTOR DAVIGNON IS PLEASED WITH THE CONSULTATIONS ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL AND MR. SONNENFELDT HELD WITH THE EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ON OCTOBER 18 AND 19. THE POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE, HE THOUGHT, HAS PERMITTED REAL SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS ON SEVERAL ITEMS. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE U.S. HAS MANAGED TO ALLAY FRENCH RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE MOTIVES OF THE U.S. AND OTHERS IN SEEKING THE CONSULTATIONS. ALTHOUGH PARIS IS NOT YET READY TO COUNTENANCE NEW CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY, IT IS PREPARED TO BLESS FURTHER U.S.-EC CONSULTATIONS UNDER "APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS." THIS ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE FRENCH IS STILL RATHER FRAGILE, AND DAVIGNONON URGED THAT THE U.S. NOT PUSH TOO HARD LEST IT REAWAKEN FRENCH SUSPICIONS.

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DUBAI HALTS OIL EXPORT TO U.S.: THE GULF STATE OF DUBAI LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED AN IMMEDIATE EMBARGO ON OIL EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

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IT IS THE EIGHTH COUNTRY TO HALT OIL SUPPLIES, AND THE FIRST NONMEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF ARAB PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO TAKE THE STEP. THE BULK OF DUBAI'S PRODUCTION GOES TO WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN, AND ONLY A SMALL FRACTION TO THE U.S.

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AUSTRIAN ELECTIONS: CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY'S SOCIALIST PARTY SUFFERED A DEFEAT SUNDAY IN ONE OF THE TWO PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS HE HAD SAID WOULD BE A "REAL TEST" FOR HIS GOVERNMENT. INCOMPLETE RETURNS FROM ELECTIONS IN UPPER AUSTRIA SHOWED THAT THE SOCIALISTS LOST TWO SEATS TO THE CONSERVATIVE PEOPLE'S PARTY AND DROPPED TO SECOND RANK IN THE PROVINCE, THE RESULT CAME DESPITE PREDICTIONS THE SOCIALISTS WOULD BENEFIT FROM KREISKY'S HANDLING OF THE ARAB TERRORISTS KIDNAPPING OF THREE SOVIET JEWS ON THE WAY TO ISRAEL LAST MONTH.

SOVIET PHYSICIST THREATENED BY BLACK SEPTEMBRISTS: PHYSICIST ANDREI SAKHAROV SAID TWO MEN CLAIMING TO BE MEMBERS OF THE BLACK SEPTEMBER ARAB GUERRILLA GROUP BURST INTO HIS APARTMENT SUNDAY AND THREATENED HIS LIFE FOR HIS SUPPORT OF ISRAEL. IF THE TWO WERE INDEED MEMBERS OF BLACK SEPTEMBER, IT WOULD BE THE FIRST KNOWN INSTANCE OF ANY ARAB GUERRILLA GROUP OPERATING INSIDE THE SOVIET UNION. CRITICIZED REGULARLY BY SOVIET OFFICIALDOM FOR HIS CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES, SAKHAROV SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE INCIDENT WAS A KGB PROVOCATION.
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